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APPLICANT : Jonathan S. Stamler et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER. : 10/045,603 EXAMINER : Jean C. Witz  
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FOR : **RED BLOOD CELLS LOADED WITH S-NITROSOTHIOL AND USES THEREFOR**

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**  
**MAILED FEBRUARY 24, 2004**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 24, 2004, requiring restriction/election of the instant claims, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response. Also submitted is a Request for a One-Month Extension of Time and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 8 of this paper.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment and accompanying papers in the application is respectfully requested.